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For: OPTICAL DISC HAVING PITS OF DESIRED TAPERED ANGLE	) )

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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a Final Action, a Notice of Allowance, or another action that closes prosecution in the above-referenced application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00, as specified by § 1.17(p).

A European Search Report dated February 17, 2006 that issued in a counterpart European patent application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration. The cited documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and the non-U.S. documents are also attached hereto.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and

evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO From 1449.

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Respectfully submitted,

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